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Roy D. Lorenz, Foreman 2001 Monterey County Grand Jury P.O. Box 414 Salinas, CA 93902

RE: 2000 Grand Jury Final Report—Response to Findings
Title of Report: "Use of California State Lottery Funds in Monterey County"

#### Dear Forman Lorenz:

I am writing in response to your July 19, 2001 letter indicating my omission of "Response to the Findings".

## Findings #1

Sixteen of the 19 responding school districts and one community college responding to the Grand Jury's survey spent lottery funds on employee salaries.

### District's Response:

San Antonio School District did not use Lottery funds for employee salaries during the 2000-2001 school year and does not plan to use any portion of Lottery funds for salaries in the future. As indicated in the April 30, 2001 response to Recommendation #2, our district will be allocating the majority of Lottery funds for the purpose of instructional materials especially textbooks.

#### Finding #2

At the time of the Grand Jury's survey, there was no evidence that any lottery education revenues were being spent for prohibited purposes in Monterey County.

## District's Response:

In reviewing the District's audits there was no evidence that San Antonio School District spent Lottery revenues for prohibited purposes.

## Finding #3

Four of the 19 responding school districts place lottery moneys in their general funds without further tracking. This does not comply with the California Government Code, Section 8880.5. In addition, these school districts will be unable to verify compliance with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000.

## District's Response:

In reviewing the District's budgets prior to July 1, 2001, Lottery revenues were tracked by program numbers with each allocation assigned a number. Expenditures were tracked using these same numbers. Beginning July 1, 2001, with the new state accounting system, Lottery revenues will be tracked by resource number. During the spring 2001, all prior textbook expenditures were checked for Cardenas compliance.

## Finding #4

Fifteen of the 19 responding school districts, both community colleges, and the County Superintendent do have special tracking accounts. However, for many of the reporting districts, these designated accounts do not contain sufficient detail to verify compliance with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000.

After reviewing the District's budgets for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and reviewing the textbook expenditures for 2000-2001 for Cardenas compliance, the District's July 1, 2001 budget has designated accounts that are detailed enough to allow verification of compliance with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (831) 385-3051.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Gerard

Superintendent/Principal